



REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 28, 2011
MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER** at 10:03 AM with members of the Regional CoC and guests present.
- **MINUTES** of May 31, 2011 approved by consensus.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - *9% Tax Credits* San Diego was fortunate to have 2 projects awarded state 9% tax credits: Connections Housing in downtown and the Heritage senior project in Carlsbad. PATH Connections was awarded from set aside funds which allowed other local allocations to be possible.
 - *HOPWA Special meeting:* Jon Derryberry from Townspeople announced a meeting for anyone interested in the HOPWA Projects of National Significance Competition. Meeting is on Thursday and details provided on-line. Like the SAMSHA competition, a local planning group is required and the RCCC is available to assist.

- **PRESENTATION**

Marc Stevenson, St. Vincent de Paul / Fr. Joe's Villages provided an overview and progress report on **Project 25** which is a pilot program funded by the United Way of San Diego focused on the highest cost, frequent users of emergency services. The Housing Commission is providing sponsor- based vouchers and County is providing full service partnership support services. The project which started services in February has already enrolled 27 people (and will enroll 35 people despite the project name).

The program is a housing first model combined with either low-demand and high response, full support services or assertive community treatment services. During this first quarter the County of San Diego and St Vincent de Paul Village Project 25 concentrated on establishing a list including baseline costs estimates for persons who were high, frequent users of emergency services in the City of San Diego in 2010. The list of 71 potential participants on average used 17 ambulance rides; had 18 ER visits; 27 inpatient hospital days; spent 32 days in jail; and 49 days in shelter in a single year. 12% of the names on the frequent user list have passed away since 2010 demonstrating the high morbidity of the frequent user population.

The 27 participants currently enrolled had accumulated over an estimated \$4.2 million in costs for use of emergency services in 2010. 10 are permanently housed since enrollment and already show a substantial reduction in emergency services compared to a 4-month average baseline of frequent use from year 2010. Targeting the highest users came naturally as these individuals were the ones that showed up in the hospitals and the jails during the initial outreach.

Project 25 offers 24-7 on-call support and extensive outreach or 'in-reach' services to the hospital, jails and other locations. Building trust and relationships have been very important in the project. Sometimes a little flexibility is needed, like understanding a participant wanted to sleep outside for a night because they began to feel too closed-in in their apartment. Other best practice

approaches include having the doctor meet them where they were on the street to begin addressing physical and mental health stabilization issues during the trust building process; knowing the recycle routes to ensure regular contact; having relationship with the detox facilities to admit clients to stabilize them so that they can meet landlords for housing interviews; life-skills coaching by either life-skills worker or case manager to support housing; and the harm reduction approach with alcohol use. More details on the project are available.

○ **STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Update on CoC merge: We have submitted a formal request to HUD to merge CA601 and CA610 prior to the deadline for registering for the 2011 SHP CoC Competition. A subgroup of the Steering Committee are working on updating rating and review procedures.

NOFA 2011: Two notices will be released this week. First the request for Intent to Submit for new projects. If merged the full region will have \$1.393 million in available bonus funds, and approximately \$106,000 in prorate. Any organization planning to apply for funds for a new or expanded project needs to complete the Intent to Submit form. The second notice is for review of renewal projects. All eligible renewals have already confirmed their budgets in the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). Now it is time to provide the documents to review capacity and achievements. All projects should have already updated their Authorized Agency Representative (AOR) and agency information in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). Watch for more information on the local process.

State Select Committee: The State Select Committee on homelessness lead by Assemblyperson Toni Atkins will meet in San Diego on July 20th. The focus of the hearing will be veteran and chronic homeless persons. More information will be released as soon as the state budget is passed since the forum cannot occur unless a budget is approved.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors New regulation - SB 183 w requires installation of Carbon Monoxide detectors as of July 1, 2011 for properties transferring ownership similar to what happens for Smoke Detectors. This applies to single family owner-occupied, rentals, & multi-family housing when the property is sold. The second part of the law requires that all residential properties, not just those being sold, with 1-4 units (owner or tenant occupied) be equipped with a detector on or before July 1, 2011 (The minutes include corrections received on June 28th after the meeting).

○ **SUBCOMMITTEE and LIAISON REPORTS**

- *Manual Committee* – Noelle Kester – The manual is nearly completed – it needs to be updated to reflect the merge of the CoCs; a definition for hold-harmless and roll-up, links to HUD HRE and the Exhibit I submittals from 2010. When incorporated, the Manual is approved for release, thanks to the work of the subcommittee.

- *Human Trafficking* – Members interested in the creation of a working group. Kellye B. –ICS, Laurie –SDC, Sophie –COE, Ron- Crisis, Marissa – BSC, Susan-GH, and Jan-SDYS are potential members for the group, other volunteers are welcome.

- *Medical marijuana* – The Federal HUD regulation on medical marijuana conflicts with California state law. As a result, some subpopulations (like HOPWA recipients, or those suffering from chronic pain) may face a new housing barrier. Persons wanting to take advantage of federally-supported / rental assistance units will have to comply with the federal law.

- *Update to Housing Inventory* Tricia Tasto Levien circulated a MHSA housing roster for updates. Members were encouraged to verify or update the inventory during the meeting or contact Tricia at CSH for more information,

- *Legislative Committee* – Rosemary Johnston, Kathi Houck

Action: Rosemary was authorized to draft and send a letter to MTS about the impact of the new restrictions on disabled transit passes. Jack Micklos provided a sample letter from the re-entry task force.

Action: The RCCC also authorized preparation of a letter of appreciation for Suzanne Pohlman, founder and long-term ED of ICS in Escondido.

FEDERAL REPORT - Housing Appropriations Bill is the first fiscal year (FY) 2012 appropriations bill to be passed by the House. The legislation provides \$120 million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) for FY 2012, representing level funding from FY 2011 and a \$20 million increase from the amount requested in the President's Budget Proposal.

Senate Bills Introduced: S. 1148, the Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2011 would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit a comprehensive plan to end homelessness among veterans. **S. 961, the Reconnecting Youth to Prevent Homelessness Act**, would take steps to ensure that a child is not placed in foster care simply because his or her family lives in substandard housing or is homeless. It would strengthen TANF to connect families with training, education, and housing. create a demonstration project aimed at reducing homelessness and improving family relationships for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.

The Department of Labor has announced a **grant competition** which will provide approximately 3,000 homeless veterans with job training and other services..

Release of AHAR Report: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (AHAR). According to the findings, levels of homelessness in the United States have stayed flat from 2009 to 2010. The number of chronically homeless individuals declined slightly.

State: Gov. Brown has vetoed the state budget sent to him by state legislators so they must come up with a new budget. The state legislature also passed ABX1 27 which requires cities and counties with redevelopment agencies to payments for local schools in the next fiscal year. Local redevelopment agencies can suspend all their housing set aside funds if necessary to make their share of this payment. ABX1 26 eliminates any redevelopment agencies in a city or county that do not make the payments outlined in ABX1 27. If the governor signs these bills as is, lawsuits will likely follow. **The situation regarding the future of redevelopment agencies and the affordable housing funds they generated remains muddy until a new budget is approved .**

- **AB 1167(Fong)** would create an interagency council on homelessness at the state level
- **AB 1220**, holds local governments accountable for adequate planning to meet the housing needs of all their community members,
- **Housing and Community Development budget** escaped some severe cuts to its housing element review staff and a preservation technical assistance program...
- Assemblymember Toni Atkins(San Diego), the Corporation for Supportive Housing, and Housing California to craft **better guidelines for the Integrated Services to Mentally Ill Parolees program**. The new legislation AB826 would specifically target parolees with serious mental illness who are likely to become homeless upon release. It also would

require identification of these parolees two to six months before release so they could begin to receive services before their release.

Local: The San Diego City Council will discuss **the linkage fee for affordable housing July 12** and changes to **its inclusionary housing ordinance July 19...**

- **The Ending Homelessness in Downtown San Diego Campaign** reports 88 people are off the streets, 48 people, including 36 veterans moved into permanent supportive housing.
- Clay King, chief of social work at the San Diego Veteran's Affairs Office, won outstanding advocate at the **San Diego Housing Federation's annual recognition event.** Suzanne Stewart Pohlman won the CSH Supportive Housing Award; Pathfinders of San Diego won housing project of the year/special needs[Townspeople won in the rehab category for its 3^{4th} Street Project; and North County Solutions for Change earned a special recognition award. The list of honorees is at www.housingsandiego.org.. .
- **Oceanside** city council voted to lower the fees developers have to pay if they choose not to build affordable housing, reducing the in lieu fee from \$10,000 to \$2,000.
- The San Diego Housing Commission has **identified \$500,000 to keep the Neil Good Day Center in downtown San Diego open** for another year.
- COMM22, a 128 unit affordable family rental apartment project in Logan Heights, has been awarded \$8.225 million from CCDC. The project will also include 13 permanent supportive units, 69 affordable senior rental units, a child care facility, and retail space.
- Veterans Village of San Diego has announced its annual three day Standdown for homeless veterans will be July 15-17 . For more information, visit www.vvsd.net/standown/htm...

- A total of **361 unduplicated veterans were served at the VVSD operated winter shelter** 26 moved to residential programs, 31 moved into transitional housing, and 15 moved into permanent housing. Others gained employment and found housing on their own...

- *CCDC Downtown Partnership-* A draft of the CCDC 5-year plan is in circulation. The RCCC is noted in the plan and there is a process for determining the number and types of units needed.

- *Keys* - A subgroup of the Steering Committee is continuing to work on the assumption of the Keys to Housing during the summer.

- ADJOURN

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011
10:00- 11:30 AM**

**National University
9388 Lightwave Ave
San Diego, CA**